

Lewis H. Carpenter

Dr. Lewis Howard Carpenter, a former Camas mayor and physician, died March 25, 1994, in Honolulu. He was 87.

Carpenter was born Jan. 30, 1907, in Spokane, Wash., and moved to Washougal with his family in 1909. He attended school in Washougal and graduated from Washougal High School in 1927. Carpenter went onto Oregon Agricultural College (now Oregon State University) and graduated in 1930. He was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and Rho Chi.

Following graduation from OAC, he attended and graduated from University of Oregon Medical School in Portland and interned at Multnomah County Hospital. During medical school, Carpenter met and married his wife, Ruth, in 1933.

Following medical school, he practiced for a year in Bainbridge Island, Wash., before moving to Camas in 1934. Carpenter built a clinic in Camas and also served on staff at both St. Joseph's Hospital and Memorial Hospital in Vancouver.

While still practicing medicine in Camas, Carpenter was elected to serve as the city's mayor in 1950.

Along with being a member of the American Medical Association, Carpenter was also a charter member of Vancouver Elks Lodge, a member of the Camas Kiwanis Club, a member of the Portland University Club and a member of the Portland Yacht Club.

Following his retirement from his medical practice in 1971, Carpenter and his wife moved to Honolulu in 1976.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Carpenter in Honolulu; sons Richard Carpenter of Portland and Edward Carpenter in Seattle; sister, Florence Blair of Milwaukie, Ore.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service for Carpenter will be held at Sunnyside Cemetery in Washougal at a later date.